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PEOPLE ON THE STREET

Every month a scorcher

Four students hope to bring attention to University with bikini calendar

By John Payne
Reporter

What's so special about four college guys wanting to bask on the beach with 13 bikini-clad babes? Nothing — unless it's their new job.

That's just the case for the men behind the BG13, a new calendar that will feature a baker's dozen of cute University co-eds. That's if everything goes according to plan, of course.

For University students and longtime friends Jose Galvan, Troy Chamberlain, James Hilty and Philip Ferguson, creating the calendar isn't about hobnobbing with foxy babes. It's a business venture, and they've got nearly everything worked out, from visual concepts and marketing schemes to obtaining their LLC license. The one thing they don't have: the 13 girls.

"We want to make it clear that most of the women on campus aren't models," Hilty said. "They're here for an education. And this is only a social activity to get involved with the student body. Everyone is self-conscious, and we understand that."

So far, they've only received a few submissions. To arouse more interest, the guys are offering a cash prize of \$200 to the girls they select. The photo shoot might also take place on Hilton Head Island, which would mean a free vacation. They also plan on taking each girl shopping for a swimsuit, which the model will get to keep.

Though the calendar is scheduled to be shot this summer and published this fall, the idea for the BG13 has been evolving for two years. Some of the guys drew inspiration from the Tempe 12, Arizona State's famous calendar featuring comely undergraduates. Others remembered the success of Paul "The T-Shirt Guy" Phillips, a BGSU alumnus who sold homespun T-shirts. Hilty simply wanted to establish his own freelance publication for the campus. Either way, the friends decided to act on their idea.

"With the four of us in one room, we really fed off each other's energy," Chamberlain said. "We all mix and match our skills together into a well-rounded effort. The important thing is that we finally got up and got motivated."

The academic background of each member has proved useful. For instance, Galvan called on his experience as a former marketing major to apply for a business license, seek swimsuit sponsors and offer advertising to local businesses.

"All those business courses culminated in me making better decisions," he said. "It's made the outfit more professional, I think."

Their long friendship hasn't hurt either, they each said.

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POSING: CariAnn Newby, a fashion merchandise major, is a BG13 bikini model hopeful. **PROVIDED BY | BG13**

Obama vows end of pirates

By Elizabeth A. Kennedy
The Associated Press

MOMBASA, Kenya — President Barack Obama vowed yesterday "to halt the rise of piracy," while shipmates of the rescued American freighter captain called for tough action against Somali bandits who are preying on one of the world's busiest sea routes.

Obama appeared to move up the piracy issue on his agenda, saying the United States would work with nations elsewhere in the world.

"I want to be very clear that we are resolved to halt the rise of piracy in that region and to achieve that goal, we're going to have to continue to work with our partners to prevent future attacks," Obama said at a Washington news conference.

The nighttime rescue operation of Richard Phillips won praise abroad but it was uncertain how far Obama wanted to go to engage the pirates.

The U.S. was considering options including adding Navy gunships along the Somali coastline and launching a campaign to disable pirate "mother ships," according to military officials who spoke on condition of anonymity because no decisions have been made.

Some military strategists believe it may ultimately be necessary to attack the pirates' bases on land in Somalia. But few international allies have the appetite for another land operation in Somalia, where a U.S. military foray in the early 1990s ended in humiliation. And the cost in civilian casualties would likely be extremely high, some

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DISMISSED: Junior Michael Ream, a defensive lineman for the Falcon football team, has been dismissed for an unspecified violation of team rules.

Defensive lineman dismissed from football team

By Andrew Harner
Sports Editor

Soon-to-be senior defensive lineman Michael Ream has been dismissed from the University football team for violating team rules.

No specific information on the reason for dismissal was released by the University.

In a written statement, coach Dave Clawson said while the decision was disappointing, it was necessary.

"We are disappointed that we had to take this step, but when a student-athlete makes a poor decision, he must live with the consequences of his decision," he said.

For the 2009 season, Ream was

expected to be the elder statesman on the Falcon defensive line as the starting nose tackle and only senior.

Juniors Darius Smith, Nick Torresso and Angelo Magnone are the other three linemen practicing with the first team this spring, and sophomore Andrew Johnson is one of the leading candidates to replace Ream in the lineup.

Johnson started against Ohio in the only game Ream was not in the starting lineup last season.

Ream had 27 tackles, three for a loss and hit the quarterback five times despite having no sacks in his 12 games last season.

His highlight was a 20-yard interception against Wyoming, which he fumbled at the goal

line, but linebacker Cody Basler recovered for a touchdown.

In 2007, Ream was limited to seven games and two late season starts after being suspended for violating team rules early in the season.

Ream had 14 tackles and 1.5 sacks that season.

For his BGSU career, Ream finishes with 31 games and 55 tackles.

2008 statistics

- 12 games (11 starts)
- 27 tackles
- 3 tackles for a loss
- 1 interception
- 5 quarterback hits
- 3 pass deflections

USG begins transition to newly elected representatives

By India Hunter
Reporter

After nine months of Monday night general assembly meetings, Undergraduate Student Government wrapped up the year last night, ending with a transition meeting for the newly elected officers.

USG members warned the newly elected officers about issues to look out for next year. One of those issues include changes that will be made in

University Dining Services.

"Something must be done as there are many budget crunches going on," USG President John Waynick said. "Inevitably, changes have to be made in University Dining Services."

Five possible scenarios for UDS were discussed at last night's meeting.

The first option proposes no changes at all.

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University radio show to host all-day benefit for children's hospital

By Craig Vanderkam
Web Editor

It's like Dance Marathon, but instead of moving feet, "Ang Live for the Kids" raises money by flapping gums.

Angelo Velotta, a junior, will be hosting the 24-hour radio show to raise donations for the Children's Miracle Network, starting tomorrow at 7 a.m.

"I'm very excited; this is something that I've thought about for a while," Velotta said. "I don't have any doubts everything will go well because I'm working with a bunch of great people to make this happen, and we are doing it for an awesome cause."

Velotta, a broadcast journal-



Angelo Velotta
Host of "Ang Live" at the University

ism major, hosts his weekly radio show, "Ang Live," every Wednesday from 6 to 7 p.m.

The mission of the Children's Miracle Network is to generate funds and awareness programs in partnership with and for the benefit of member hospitals/foundations and the children they are privileged to serve,

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BLOTTER

THURSDAY, APRIL 9

8:17 A.M.

Complainant reported unknown subjects threw a cinder block through the rear passenger's side window of his vehicle, causing approximately \$200 in damages.

8:18 A.M.

Complainant reported a black, flatbed trailer with a rear folding ramp costing approximately \$2,500 was stolen from Clark Fixture Technologies.

12:57 P.M.

Brandon Bower, 18, of Bowling Green, was cited for loud sound amplification.

10:20 P.M.

Complainant reported a dent was left in the windshield of his 2002 Pontiac Montana after unknown persons were seen shooting BB Guns in the parking lot near 4th Street.

10:43 P.M.

Rachel Figliomeni, 20, of Bowling Green, was cited for prohibited acts after using someone else's identification to enter Uptown/Downtown Bar.

11:22 P.M.

Dennis Fite, 27, of Bowling Green, was arrested for criminal trespass after being escorted from Uptown/Downtown Bar and then returning later on in the night.

11:44 P.M.

Radley Yates, 18, of Fremont, Ohio, was arrested for possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia after he was observed rolling marijuana joints in the back-seat of his vehicle.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

12:01 A.M.

Sergio Dejesus, 18, of Fremont, Ohio, was cited for prohibited acts after submitting a fake identification to Uptown/Downtown Bar to gain entry to the bar.

12:07 A.M.

Offenhauer West Hall staff requested officer to assist in identifying a subject in a room with open containers. The officer advised no alcohol in the room. The resident was given a verbal warning for disorderly conduct.

12:12 A.M.

Megan Mitchell, 19, of Columbus, was cited for prohibited acts.

12:38 A.M.

Custodian reported suspicious person bothering her in University Hall.

1:30 A.M.

Alex Reidt, of Edgerton, Ohio, was cited for underage under the influence at Ridge and Thurston.

2:36 A.M.

Angela Bennett, 21, of Bowling Green, was cited for disorderly conduct after getting into a fight in a parking lot on North Main Street.

10:14 A.M.

Complainant reported unknown subjects tore two plastic shutters off the front of Changes on Mane, causing approximately \$100 in damages.

12:34 P.M.

Complainant reported unknown subjects entered his residence on North Grove Street and stole an X-Box 360 gaming system and four X-Box 360 video games.

2:16 P.M.

Russell Riches, 49, of Perrysburg, was charged with two counts of inducing panic after he made claims stating he was going to get a gun and begin slaughtering people, as well as begin robbing banks.

7:20 P.M.

Complainant reported their MacBook laptop computer was stolen from their room in Founders.

11:15 P.M.

Graham Sleet, 20, of Toledo, was cited for disorderly conduct after he was observed urinating beside a house on Bentwood Lane.

11:33 P.M.

Ronald Leroux, 42, of Perrysburg, was cited for disorderly conduct after he was ordered to leave Days Inn after getting into an altercation with staff.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

12:08 A.M.

Duane Welch, 22, of Barberton, Ohio, was arrested for open container of alcohol and obstructing official business after he was observed holding a red plastic cup with Natural Light Beer inside. When police approached, he threw the cup into bushes on Main and Wooster and told officers it contained Kool-Aid. When asked for identification, Welch ran from police.

12:56 A.M.

Daniel Hagele, 20, of Perrysburg,

was cited for prohibited acts and underage under the influence after he attempted to use someone else's identification to enter Uptown/Downtown Bar.

1:29 A.M.

Elisa Cano, 23, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct after crossing in front of an officer's patrol car, causing him to brake abruptly.

2:41 A.M.

Officer flagged down a male subject in Lot 4A, the subject then hid behind cars.

5:17 A.M.

Kantola Hannes, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct and criminal trespass after becoming belligerent when asked to leave a friend's apartment on 6th Street.

10:45 P.M.

Edward Biegel, 21, of Bowling Green, was arrested for disorderly conduct with persistence after becoming aggressive and yelling at his grandmother even after officers told him to stop.

SUNDAY, APRIL 12

12:10 A.M.

A juvenile was arrested for underage drinking, possession of marijuana and possession of drug paraphernalia. Terence Davis, 18, of Fremont, Ohio, was cited for open container of alcohol in a motor vehicle and underage drinking after a 12 ounce bottle of Bud Light Beer was found in the rear seat of his vehicle.

2:00 A.M.

Dustin Amos, 22, of McClure, Ohio, was cited for operating a vehicle under the influence.

2:46 A.M.

Complainant reported her 2002 Pontiac Grand Am was stolen from Lot 1 after her keys were lost while she was at the Cla-Zel or 149 North Bar.

3:12 A.M.

Officer observed a male subject crawling through a Founders window from outside. The student advised it was his room. The officer told the student to use the proper entrance.

9:19 A.M.

Complainant reported unknown subjects broke the rear window of her vehicle while it was parked on Troup Avenue, causing approximately \$250 in damages.

ONLINE: Go to bgviews.com for the complete blotter list.

RADIO

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according to its Web site.

"Ang Live for the Kids," or "ALAtk," will benefit St. Vincent Mercy Children's Hospital in Toledo. A link to donate is available online at www.falconradio.org.

Velotta said he is satisfied with how many donations he has seen so far. In total, he has raised nearly \$300, including \$100 from Campus Quarters and \$50 from Shirts, Signs & Designs, which also made shirts for Velotta and his co-hosts.

"I didn't set any goals to raise a certain amount because I figured whatever we could raise would be awesome," he said. "People have been very helpful, as have some local businesses."

Velotta will be joined in studio by six hosts from the Bowling Green radio Sports Organization and WEAL, including co-host Kyle Griffith. In addition, Jeffrey Jack, also a junior, helped con-

tribute to the cause by helping out behind-the-scenes. Velotta will be the only jockey at the station for the full 24 hours.

Jack also anticipates the event being successful.

"I think it will go well. I've been listening to 'Ang Live' for a while now, and he has pretty good stuff in store [for tomorrow]," Jack said.

The 24-hour show will feature sports coverage, breaking down of the Ultimate Candy Bracket to determine the best candy ever and 24 of the show's signature segments, "The Manly Man's Coin Flip."

"The Manly Man's Coin Flip is just a funny segment we started doing every show that caught on with our listeners," Velotta said. "Kyle and I debate over two ridiculously awesome things and just have fun with it."

The sports coverage will include a recap of March Madness, an in-depth preview of the first round of the NFL Draft and a preview of the NBA playoffs.

In addition, there will be

interviews with Nicole Lyndes, representative from the Toledo Children's Miracle Network, David Drayer, author of the book "Strip Cuts," and Chris Ekstrand, a sports journalist and journalism professor at the University.

There will be live music on the show as well. Starting at midnight there will be a song dedicated to people who donated money.

As for 24 straight hours of talk radio, Jack called Velotta crazy but felt everything would be fine.

"Well, I think he's crazy anyway, but especially crazy for this," Jack said. "And if there's one thing I know [Velotta] can do well, it's talk on the radio."

Velotta admits he might get tired but is confident he'll make it through.

"Yeah, 24 hours is a long time, and I'm sure I'll get tired," he said. "But this is for a great cause, and it's for the kids so I'm going to tough it out and hopefully put on a great show for everyone."

Listen live to the 24-hour show online at the Falcon radio Web site.

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"We all know how we're going to react," Ferguson explained. "The benefit of being friends is that we can say no to each other with no hurt feelings."

The original deadline for submissions was April 13, but with only a handful of serious applications, the boys are extending it. Though they allegedly stirred a lot of interest, they think they know why so few women applied.

"I can easily see why someone would hesitate," Galvan said. "But there are only four of us business partners and only two of us review the submissions. We're extremely confidential. And a lot of people are more attractive than they think. Plus, we're also marketing the quality of education at the University. My advice would be: just take a shot at it."

While junior Amy Pekar thinks the calendar is a good idea that could add some sex appeal to the University's profile, she won't be donning a bikini for the BG13.

"Personally, I do not like to be photographed," she said. "But I still think it's a great idea."

Currently, the University is going through a tough financial crisis. I think that this calendar could be great publicity for the University and possibly attract new students.

The lads have pinned most of their hopes on receiving a business loan. Once granted, they'll use it to pay for the swimwear, the trip to Hilton Head, makeup and hair styling and to hire a University student to take the photos. They're also looking for enough diversity to accurately represent the campus.

"We really want a variety of different looks and ethnicities," Galvan said. "And a redhead would be amazing."

Intent on being taken seriously, the guys have pledged to donate a portion of their future profits to the Falcon Club — which provides money for athletic scholarships at the University — and Rusty's House, a drug and alcohol rehabilitation center in Toledo.

As for the feel and style of the calendar, Hilty described it as "the happy-medium between Sports Illustrated and cutesy. We're just here to glorify the beautiful and sophisticated women at this University, from sorority chicks to art majors."

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warn.

"That would be nuts," said Larry Johnson, a former CIA agent and State Department counterterrorism specialist. "These people are not organized into any military force, they are intermingled with women and children. You're talking about wiping out villages."

The chief mate aboard the US-flagged Maersk Alabama was among those urging strong U.S. action.

"It's time for us to step in and put an end to this crisis," Shane Murphy said. "It's a crisis. Wake up."

In Burlington, Vt., Phillips' wife, Andrea Phillips made a tearful public appearance, her first since the Sunday rescue of her husband. She thanked Obama, who approved the dramatic sniper operation that killed the pirates holding him.

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Falcon Club finds ways to aid and finance athletics

By Michelle Bosserman
Reporter

Despite tough economic times, University alumni still find the time and money to support the athletics department through the Falcon Club.

Alumnus Brock Bierman graduated from the University in 1986 and has supported Falcon athletics ever since.

"Athletics touches almost every aspect of university life whether it's through students attending games or teaching athletes life lessons that will go beyond their time at the University or even the sport they are playing," Bierman said. "[Athletics] also helps bring recognition to the University and bring alumni together."

The Falcon Club serves as a financial support group for Falcon athletics and all 18 sports at the University. The club's motto is the "team behind the teams," to put emphasis on the importance of members. Falcon Club Director Jane Myers, who has been with the club for 13 years, said that now, more than ever, is when members will need to continue to support Falcon athletics.

"We're up in membership 38 percent from last year," Myers said. "We'll need to be more attentive to keeping people tuned in to how crucial they are to our future and what our needs are."

Falcon Club members can contribute on a variety of levels. There are nine levels of contribution, with the top four — coaches' corner, silver, gold and champion's circle — offering the most membership benefits. The difference in levels is the amount a member donates. The top four levels, titled the "Victor's Society," include levels

"Athletics touches almost every aspect of university life whether it's through students attending games or teaching athletes life lessons that will go beyond their time at the University."

Brock Bierman | Falcon alumnus and athletics supporter

of donation exceeding \$1,000. The highest level, the champion's circle, is new to the Falcon Club and is equivalent to one year of one student's tuition and fees. There are 15 members in the champion's circle.

"Those in the champion's circle get to choose their level of involvement with the student athlete," Myers said. "They receive the most benefits from our program."

Money Falcon Club members choose to donate can go to various places in the athletics department. Members can pick whether their money will help support the athletic department and scholarship funds, student-athlete support services, a specific sport or another area of their choice.

The Falcon Club is not only about fundraisers, but "friend raisers," Myers said.

"Friend raisers" are to keep members engaged and make friends while raising money. Certain ways the Falcon Club tries to engage members is with the Falcon Club pavilion on football game days and hospitality areas at other sporting events so members can congregate and socialize while watching University athletics.

Although there has been a lot of speculation surrounding the construction of the Stroh Center, the new \$36 million basketball and volleyball arena, it has little

to do with the Falcon Club. The Stroh Center is a project funded through capital planning, and the Falcon Club raises funds through annual means. All the Stroh Center talk hasn't impacted membership significantly, either.

Although membership is up, there are 1,600 members, athletic needs are escalating.

"Members are the base of our support," Myers said. "Falcon Club members sustain us year after year. We raise around \$550,000 annually."

A way for students, and young alumni who have graduated within the past five years, to get involved with supporting athletics is through the Young Alumni Challenge. Alumnus Burke Badenhop, now a major league pitcher for the Florida Marlins, started the program to recruit new members for the Falcon Club. According to the Falcon Club Web site, young alumni meeting the requirements can join the Falcon Club for \$25, as opposed to the old fee of \$50. Badenhop will match the money amount of young alumni who become members until the program ends on June 31.

"Those who are involved more in the campus while they are here are more supportive alums in the future," Myers said. "A strong athletic department is key to the university and drawing our alums back."

RAINBOW WEEK KICKS OFF WITH TRIVIA SESSION



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TRIVIA: Alumna Erin Wethern scribbles down her answers as the announcers rattle off trivia about famous lesbians, gays, bi-sexuals and trans-genders. Vision and the Black Swamp Pub hosted Vision Trivia yesterday to kick-off Rainbow Week to raise awareness for LGBT community.

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The second, if Wendy's continues the same operating hours next school year, Waynick said UDS staff may be downsized, hours cut and services reduced. This means other UDS operated facilities may need to either be closed during certain times when they have been open before.

The third option includes using Flexfunds in the Union at dining venues only before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m. but may be used at Wendy's anytime.

The fourth option proposes Flexfunds may only be used in the Union at UDS dining venues before 10 a.m. and after 2 p.m.

The fifth option is to eliminate the concept of Flexfunds entirely and have one meal plan option where students can spend their dollars wherever they chose.

More details about these possibilities will come later to USG members as a decision must be made soon, said Joseph Oravec, associate vice president of student affairs.

Waynick explained that the information needs to be solidified soon for marketing purposes to new incoming freshmen. Also at last night's meeting, USG members patted themselves on the back for their accomplishments and resolutions they had passed during the school year.

Even though the Stroh Center Referendum received the most attention from students, Waynick and USG Vice President Sundee Mutgi discussed other important referendums passed by USG.

Mutgi felt coming up with a

plan to counter Section O of the Bowling Green City Housing Commission Master Plan was important.

"We felt that this was targeting students, and so I'm happy a resolution was written and passed by USG," Mutgi said.

Another important resolution passed, Waynick said, was one regarding the international fee issue. This dealt with an incident last fall where several international students were told that their education would no longer be funded through a fee waiver from the University.

"This was a serious issue and I am proud to say that a group of students came up with the solution that the University accepted, which makes me proud of USG," Waynick said.

A resolution to support an opt-out fee of \$5 to support energy sustainability at the University was also another important resolution passed, Mutgi said. This resolution was passed by the senate to support a fee that would contribute toward reducing energy expenditures at the University. If a student felt they couldn't afford this, they would then opt-out similarly to the student legal fee included in students fees.

"This was a way for students to have a direct impact in going green," Mutgi said.

The two also highlighted the success of the campus beautification platform.

"We have secured lots of money for campus beautification and [we] can't wait to see 'Home of BG SU' on the I-75 overpass soon," Waynick said.

University President Carol

Cartwright stopped by to congratulate the newly elected members of USG and thank the outgoing members.

"I extend my congratulations to both the new and outgoing members and thought this was perfect timing to stop by," Cartwright said.

She asked for the support of USG in the University's Charting Our Future Plan.

"I ask that the new administration support Charting Our Future by writing a resolution," Cartwright said.

Charting Our Future was a plan started under former University President Sidney Ribeau and includes specific goals, a mission and vision for the University.

"This plan is not one that will not be a neatly bound document that sits on a bookshelf," Cartwright said. "It will be one that is constantly reviewed and placed on the Web site."

Six goals are outlined, and so far, there has been a lot of community engagement regarding the Charting Our Future Plan.

Nearly 200 strategies were submitted to support the six goals, Cartwright said.

She spoke of the importance of the University carefully going through different phases and steps outlined in the plan.

"I don't want these to be my ideas, but yours," Cartwright said.

To close the meeting, Waynick offered some advice to the newly elected USG members.

"Not to get sappy or anything, but I urge you to find something you're passionate about and then this won't be work for you," he said.

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Economy and military should be separate



JUSTIN PLAYL
COLUMNIST

Last week, Secretary of Defense Robert Gates announced he was cutting program funding to the F-22, a massively overpriced line of high-tech fighter jets from Lockheed Martin. This controversial action sparked a debate over whether or not the jets are necessary to national security, and if the economy is strong enough to weather job losses associated with the program's dissolution.

The economy! The very idea that the economy should figure into national security decisions is preposterous. However, the sad fact of the matter is, since the end of World War II, the economy and military have been inextricably linked.

Due to the amount of labor and resources needed to run the American war machine during WWII, the government began contracting out weapons production to private industries. The relationship between these two strange bedfellows has never ended.

Now, America has a serious complex. The symbiotic (or possibly parasitic) relationship between the Defense Department and private defense contractors is called the military-industrial complex. As Secretary Gates's controversial budget cut illustrates, the needs of a few private industries now equal, and perhaps outweigh, the need for national defense.

Lockheed Martin argues that ending the F-22 program would force them to lay off many thousands of workers in 49 states, damaging both the company and the workers.

The only reason the F-22 program involves so many states is a political ploy on Lockheed's part. By manufacturing a component of the jet in almost every state, the company ensures any program cuts will be felt by many states, meaning a large number of Congressmen will rush to defend it.

Arguing the F-22 is necessary for national security would be legitimate, but being concerned over job losses (especially when the job losses is a blatant ploy to preserve the program) is missing the point. The Department of Defense should not be in the business of giving taxpayer dollars to private firms or creating jobs; leave that to the Treasury and Labor Departments. The sole concern of Gates should be the safety of the nation.

Since the invasions of Iraq and Afghanistan, defense contractors have taken even greater roles in national security. No longer content to merely manufacture weapons, some firms have begun to wield them.

Blackwater, for example, actually began to contract out "security service personnel," a politically-neutral term for mercenaries. These hired guns were not answerable to the Iraqi judiciary or U.S. military, making it difficult to control their actions. This lack of control over the mercenaries led to bloodshed and scandals.

I'm going to propose something radical. In order to destroy the military-industrial complex, thus ending the influence of private industry over national defense, the Defense Department should take over all contractors in their employ. The U.S. military should no longer be swayed by the needs of a few private businesses. All military power should be held by public officials directly answerable to the American people.

Some might argue letting the government seize control over the manufacturing of weapons, a role traditionally reserved for private industry, is communist. However, other branches of the government perform their own manufacturing. The Treasury Department, for example, prints its own money. In fact, the very idea of contracting out money production to firms which work for profit is ridiculous. Why is the idea of letting those same firms make guns for our military any less ridiculous?

Besides, back in 1913, the Treasury Department decided the best way to stabilize the economy was to seize control of the banking system with the creation of the Federal Reserve. I'm suggesting the Defense Department do the same thing — stabilize our military by seizing control of defense contractors.

As President Eisenhower warned in his 1961 farewell address, "In the councils of government, we must guard against the acquisition of unwarranted influence... by the military-industrial complex." The twin cornerstones of American democracy are transparency of political process and the answerability of policymakers to the American people.

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The hidden talents we all possess and are unaware of, and how to bring them out



PHIL SCHURRER
FACULTY COLUMNIST

My two sons, John and Jim, are 33 and 26 years old respectively.

John just graduated from the University of Michigan with a master's and landed a job with Mathematica as a research analyst. He and his wife are buying their first home in Ann Arbor.

Jim has a master's from BGSU and is working as a school administrator in a Toledo Catholic grade school. He and his wife moved into their home in Toledo two years ago.

They've gone different

routes career-wise, as is to be expected. But they both have developed a totally unforeseen talent. Nothing in their upbringing or education suggested they would become very good cooks.

John specializes in plated meals, just as you would find in restaurants. He's cooked fish and is great with prime rib. Jim tends toward family meals, with seconds and leftovers. He's cooked lamb and makes a killer lasagna.

I haven't heard a word of complaint from Emily (John's wife) or Liz (Jim's better half). Both daughters-in-law seem quite content to let their husbands handle the kitchen chores.

Nothing in their academic backgrounds hinted at any particular culinary talent.

John's undergraduate background was in Chinese; Jim's degree is in Education.

Neither stayed at home during their collegiate days, so I guess it's fair to assume they had their fill of pizza and mac n' cheese during their undergraduate years.

This leads to some interesting reflections. What hidden talents do we have that remain undiscovered?

As I look out over students in my classes, I sometimes catch myself wondering what gifts they possess but are unaware of — talents that have nothing to do with the class subject matter. This leads me to wonder what talents I have that haven't been explored or even uncovered.

The next link in this chain of thinking is: how can we dis-

cover these gems hidden in each of us? A good liberal education is a start.

By "liberal," I'm not contrasting it with "conservative" (whatever a "conservative education" might be). In this context, I'm referring to a liberal education in its classical sense: a solid grounding in writing, speaking, literature and the sciences, social and natural.

This literally opens the mind and makes one appreciate other viewpoints and disciplines. At its best, a liberal education liberates the recipient from ignorance, which is the root meaning of the word.

One of the great tragedies of our modern world is the fact

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U.S. should become friendlier towards Cuba

By **Matthew Christ**
Independent Florida Alligator

For the past 50 years our country has all but ignored Cuba's existence. We've placed a trade embargo on the island nation, only harming our own farmers and other exporters, and we've gone as far to place travel restrictions on the country, punishing Cuban-Americans and hindering our travel industry.

But Matt, you say, Cuba is communist! Castro has locked away political prisoners and journalists, and committed numerous other human rights atrocities.

So has China, but we seem pretty content with not only filling our dollar stores with their kitsch but our Wal-Marts as well. We've even let them buy our treasury bonds. A lot of them, too.

It seems that so much of America is still lockstep in the

late '50s and early '60s. Many of our schools are still relics of the early Cold War age, and our education system hasn't progressed much further either.

Likewise, our inept policy toward dealing with Cuba is still rooted in the Cold War directives of years past.

The Cold War is over, but we still seem stuck in a post-Cold War attitude. Actually, since the end of the Cold War, we've seemed stuck in a post-anything attitude. We've had post-USSR, post-Waco, post-Whitewater, post-Lewinsky, post-USS Cole, post-Sept. 11, post-Katrina, and now with the election of President Barack Obama, post-Bush. What first sparked my interest and later support in Obama was his promise to bring a new sense of purpose and resolve to change the world for the better.

Republicans, never a sanguine group to start out with,

labeled Obama as too auspicious, and his followers too naïve.

Obama did have a hard sell, believing that our self-indulgent and excessive ways could be curbed, if only for a year or two to re-establish our standing in the world by fixing the economic mess our financial hubris wrought. After all, America has always shined in moments of great causes, abstemiously shedding our inherent selfishness for the collective cause, the American cause.

And then we lose our momentum. Or, as a Swedish family friend recently explained to me, Americans seem intent on "surfing and then sleeping." We go all-in at the last possible notice and then simply leave. We give weapons to Afghan mujahedeen to fight the Soviets but then forget to build schools and clinics in the country, leaving the door open

for the Taliban. We resolved ourselves to root out Osama bin Laden in the Hindu Kush Mountains but then decided Iraq was more important.

We locked Cuba out during the Cold War in an effort to contain the plague of communism but forgot to let them back in once the Cold War ended, and in effect, have still never escaped the Cold War paradigm.

As the Summit of the Americas convenes in the coming weeks, Obama, like his predecessors, will once again be confronted with the Cuba question.

The president should agree to open Cuba back up, if not for the thousands of Cuban-Americans who still have family on the island and the economic advantages of a new market, then signal America's new worldview: A nation that isn't post-anything but before-everything.

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SCHURRER

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that many so-called "educated" people stop learning after leaving school. The whole purpose of a university education is to equip the student with the tools to remain a student all his or her life.

How does this connect with my culinary-inclined offspring? Neither took any classes or had any formal training in cooking. Most, if not all their techniques and recipes came from — big surprise here — the Internet.

But regardless of where the information comes from, a main outcome of an education should be providing the graduate with a set of tools to continue their education through life, rather than just in the field that the graduate has chosen to earn a living. In a very real sense, a university education is a course in library science.

Many medical schools tell their students half of what they learn is either wrong or will be obsolete in five years. Problem: no one knows which half. So, they're being equipped with a set of mental tools to enable them to keep learning.

I can't think of a career field that isn't moving ahead at warp speed. So, in the process of advancing, you may find yourself in an unexplored area you find absolutely fascinating. And while neither of my sons have any aspirations of opening a restaurant, their skills help them become more well-rounded, a trait they will pass on to their children.

Gotta go now — dinner's about to be served. Can't wait to see what they've cooked up.

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'F' the Web site 'Fmylife.com'

By Nick Baker
Daily Kent Stater

Social networking on the Internet has become a standard component of daily life. All day long, people are sneaking a quick look at Facebook, MySpace (at least I think people still do that) and Twitter during class or on the job, to the point that interaction with actual human beings practically has become an archaic means of communication and an inconvenience.

It would seem that more conventional means, like using vocal chords, are somehow incomplete and do not offer "users" a wide-enough range of ways to participate.

And now a new force in the world of social networking has arisen, one based on a little saying that somehow has become commonplace among depressed text messengers and pretty much anyone who has ever seen "Superbad."

That little phrase is "F**k my life." I have never been a fan of the phrase. Something about it always seemed wrong. It has that whiny little kid "I wish I was never born!" feel to it — only worse. It sounds like a harsh conclusion to reach just because you missed this week's episode of "Rock of Love Bus with Bret Michaels."

But it's your life, homie, not mine. If it is that bad, then I'm sorry for my lack of consideration. Otherwise, please consider toning down the drama levels.

The phrase often appears as "FML," or a number of other varieties. And now, thanks to millions of losers across America, we have Fmylife.com, a place for all the miserable to share their tales of woe with the world. The site is made up of anecd-

otes by anonymous authors and account-holding members of Fmylife.com, which are broken down into categories based on love, money, kids, work, health, sex or "miscellaneous."

The posts follow a format that always concludes with the letters "FML" and gives readers the option to respond with "I agree, your life is F**ed," or "You deserved that one." My biggest gripe is that I can't choose both.

Now, I would really prefer not to make any points on this matter at all, I would much prefer to use my column as a space for nonsense about giant slugs, and I wish I had something better to write about. But, as a social commentator and member of the press, occasionally duty calls.

I am not one to comment on pop culture or social trends because I just don't really give a damn about what is on your Twitter or why your life sucks.

Unfortunately, in this downsized brave new world, I am starting to feel pretty alone in regards to that sentiment.

A few weeks ago, there was actually a legitimate story on CBSSports.com regarding LeBron James possibly having a Twitter account, despite the fact that no "tweets" had been made. If that's news, then FML.

This was only days after Milwaukee Bucks forward Charlie Villanueva made headlines (yes, headlines) for being reprimanded for Twittering or tweeting or twitting or whatever the hell it is called during half-time of a basketball game against the Boston

Celtics.

Villanueva, obviously exploding with poetic inspiration, wrote this little gem for his fans: "In da locker room, snuck to post my twitt. We're playing the Celtics, tie ball game at da half. Coach wants more toughness. I gotta step up."

It would seem unthinkable that anyone would do this in the middle of a tied game against the defending champions, but welcome to our America. At least Charlie took his own advice, as the Bucks won 86-77 and he finished with 19 points.

But come on. In the middle of the game?

This is the world, though, and with social networking being so popular and universal, I guess this is what we've come to expect. So much so in fact, that I feel I ought to get in on the fun. So try this on for size.

Today, I learned about the various features on Fmylife.com. During the course of my research, I realized I had the ability to tell people they deserved what they got after reading their anecdotes. Then I realized I had wasted a perfectly good evening hypocritically participating on a Web site that I intended to rip on. FML.

No wait, how about this: today, you actually took the time to get on your computer (or I guess a cell phone or something else) after being dumped. You were on there long enough to prove you really are an expendable dingleberry with nothing better going for yourself by sharing your sob story with the world. F your life. Seriously.

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SLACKLINING BUDDIES: Heather Sabin and Brian Kromer balance on a slackline together.



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RELAXING: (Above) Senior Brian Kromer hones his balancing skills on a slackline during a sunny day last week. (Below) Freshman Heather Sabin tightens slackline and shows off her skills.



CHRISTINA MCGINNIS | THE BG NEWS

A hobby that's more than just a balancing act

By Kate Snyder
Assistant Campus Editor

Jon Winiasz declared he will never be a tightrope walker. The circus wasn't made for him.

He prefers to slackline.

Slackline is like tightrope walking, but the person balances on inch-wide tubular webbing instead of a steel wire. The tubing wobbles and sags under a person's weight, but the movement allows more control.

Winiasz doesn't consider it a sport, and he doesn't think anyone else does either.

"I've never heard anything about anyone being sponsored to slackline," he said.

But he thinks it's a good hobby,

and slacklining is huge in the climbing community.

Climbing for sport developed primarily in Yosemite Valley during the 20th century, and slacklining originated among the sport climbers frequenting the valley, according to slackline.com. The climbers needed a way to spend their spare time after long days of scaling the valley.

Winiasz was also introduced to slacklining through climbing. He works for the Outdoor Program on campus, and two years ago his advisor brought up slacklining.

"No one could remotely walk on it," Winiasz said.

Last year, they suddenly caught on.

Winiasz and some other

"It's a great stress reliever [and] takes your focus off school. ... You could twist an ankle. You could fall. You could slam your crotch pretty hard."

Brad Gannon | Slackliner

students, including his roommate, senior Brad Gannon, took it up while they worked at the University last summer.

"It's a great stress reliever," he said, "takes your focus off school."

They slacklined almost every day that summer, and they tried as much as possible last fall until winter hit. When the snow melt-

ed, they started up again.

It's a portable activity. Winiasz carries his own 60-foot slackline in his backpack. All he needs is semi-nice weather.

"As long as you've got two points to tie it to," Winiasz said. "I've always thought it would be cool to tie it between the Offenhauer towers."

Winiasz generally uses two

trees, keeping the line close to the ground. People have slacklined gorges with a 2,000 foot drop, Winiasz said, adding he hopes to walk across one himself someday.

At those heights, balancers are attached to the slackline with beamers so they can't fall. But at a few feet off the ground, it can still be dangerous. Especially when people try other tricks while balancing, like juggling or handstands.

"You could twist an ankle. You could fall," Gannon said. "You could slam your crotch pretty hard."

Gannon discovered the hobby at the National Outdoor Leadership School in Wyoming,

a program teaching wilderness education, when he attended last year as a junior.

Gannon would like to start a slackline club or organization on campus, but he's graduating in May, so he said it would be great to just see it continue as a tradition at the University.

Regardless of what happens on campus, though, he won't give it up.

Gannon plans on moving west after graduation. A slackline will be a permanent addition to his new home, and his future family will learn to love the hobby.

"I won't have a trampoline or anything," he said. "We'll have a slackline set up in the backyard."



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TODAY

Women's golf

Falcon Invitational; all-day
Softball
 at Michigan State; 4 p.m.

OUR CALL

Today in Sports History

- 1996**—Detroit Red Wings win 62 games in a season.
1974—Gary Player wins the Masters.
1955—Detroit Red Wings NHL Championship.
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The List

It was a weekday special in Detroit as the White Sox defeated the Tigers 10-6. Today, we list the five players in that game:

- 1. Carlos Quentin:** Quentin had a stellar day hitting two home runs in a 3-for-5 effort including four RBIs and three runs.
- 2. Paul Konerko:** Konerko hit his 300th career home run amidst a 4-of-5 day which included four RBIs.
- 3. Ramon Santiago:** The Tigers' top performer was 3-for-5 with a home run and three RBIs.
- 4. Jermaine Dye:** Right after Konerko's 300th home run, Dye blasted his 300th career long ball. On the day, Dye was 3-for-5.
- 5. Carlos Guillen:** While he was just 1-for-3, Guillen drew two walks and scored three runs.

Falcon softball loses eighth straight game, swept on weekend

By Paul Barney
 Reporter

Prior to last weekend's games with Ball State and Miami, BG coach Shannon Salsburg said both teams had improved since the last time her team played them. The Cardinals and RedHawks showed just that, as they each swept their two-game series with the Falcons.

After BG was swept Friday by Ball State 7-1, 10-2, Miami followed up with a 1-0, 7-1 sweep Saturday and Sunday.

Friday, Game No. 1: BSU 7, BG 1

Hits were hard to come by for the Falcons, as they managed just three for the game. Hayley

Wiemer kept the game close as she held the Cardinals to two runs on six hits through the first five innings.

Ball State broke the game open in the sixth, when five runners came across the plate to increase their lead to 7-0. Zada Lines gave BG its only run of the game in the seventh, when her double to the gap in right center allowed for Karmen Coffey to come around and score.

Wiemer had a rough day in the circle, allowing six runs on 10 hits in 5.1 innings of work. Melissa Bott came in relief of Wiemer to pitch the remainder of the game, surrendering a run on two hits in the final 1.2 innings.

Friday, Game No. 2: BSU 10, BG 2

For the second straight game, the BG offense could only squeeze out three hits. Lines made her first career Mid-American Conference start, but it did not fear well for the sophomore.

After the Cardinals jumped out to a 1-0 lead in the first, Lines got touched up for five runs in the second. After 1.1 innings of work, Bott came in relief of Lines and surrendered two runs. Scoring seven runs on just three hits, Ball State had increased their lead to 8-0 lead in the sec-

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BOBBLED: Shortstop Karmen Coffey mishandles a ball last Friday. The Falcons have lost eight straight games.

Walkoffs all around

Shay, Berti lead late rallies in sweep of BSU

By Chris Sojka
 Reporter

Saturday (game one): BG 3, BSU 2

Clutch is the best way to describe Ryan Shay's and Jon Berti's performances on the baseball field last weekend.

After getting beat up in record fashion by Eastern Michigan last Wednesday 27-7, the Falcons came out and played great baseball, sweeping Ball State by scores of 3-2, 7-6 and 9-7 at Steller Field.

"There were some very exciting games played at Steller Field (last weekend)," Schmitz said. "A lot of guys came through, and that's exactly what we want."

Schmitz was not kidding when he said "exciting games," as the second game of a double header on Saturday was won on a walk-off single by Shay in the bottom of the ninth inning with two outs, and the game Sunday was won on a walk-off home run by Berti in the bottom of the 10th.

The Falcons had a great outing from starting pitcher Brennan Smith (2.59 ERA) who threw 115 pitches, struck out nine and allowed only four hits en route to a 3-2 victory.

In the game, he picked off two runners and retired BSU in order three times. Opposing batters are now hitting a .188 against him for the season, and Schmitz is very pleased. "Smith was outstanding," Schmitz said. "He was dominating for eight innings. He really pitched great."

The Cardinals took an early lead in the fourth inning on a one-out home run to left field by catcher Zach Dygert.

The Falcons tied the game in the fifth when Mark Galvin and T.J. Blanton singled with one out and Patrick Martin singled up the middle to score Galvin.

In the bottom of the sev-

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BG NEWS FILE PHOTO

KILLER: Ryan Shay (above) had a walkoff single Saturday and his backup, freshman Jon Berti, had a walk off home run Sunday.



RACHEL RADWANSKI | THE BG NEWS

ONE OF THREE: Stefanie Menoff (left) and Libby Harrison have made a solid doubles pair this season, but their individual efforts helped propel BG to a split last weekend.

Falcons split on weekend

By Morgan Carlson
 Reporter

The BG women's tennis team finished out the road portion of their season last weekend, falling to Akron Friday but bouncing back to beat Buffalo Saturday.

After a rollercoaster weekend, the Falcons ended with an 11-5 record (4-2 Mid-American Conference). The Zips improved their MAC record to 4-2, while the Bulls fell to 5-2. The Falcons are now fourth in the nine-team conference heading into their last weekend of season play.

The Bulls were coming off of a 4-3 win against Western Michigan when they faced BG Friday. The match marked the first WMU loss in regular season MAC play since 2004.

The Falcons lost to Akron 6-1, breaking the winning streak BG had over the Zips since the 1992-93 season. Saturday, the women beat Buffalo 4-3. Senior Stefanie Menoff feels that the team bounced back fast in order to beat the Bulls.

"The team took what happened on Friday against Akron and learned from it," Menoff said. "We knew what we needed to improve upon for the next match, and we did it. It was a different day, a different team and a different location. We did not focus on the match we lost but the next match against Buffalo and how we were going to win that match."

Coach Penny Dean said the team doesn't have a problem

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BG posts several strong finishes at ASU

By Craig Vanderkam
 Web Editor

Regional qualifiers and personal records were the highlights for the BG track team last weekend at the Sun Angel Track Classic, featuring some of the top athletes from across the nation.

Coach Cami Wells had said last week the purpose of the meet was to get their top athletes into similar competition to what they could see at a regional or national level.

One athlete qualified for the NCAA Regional meet and three set personal records.

"Overall, I was very pleased with the way the athletes who competed stepped up to the

level of competition," Wells said.

Senior Whitney Hartman placed second in the hammer throw, exceeding the qualifying mark by over three meters. Her throw of 57.34 meters was less than one meter shy of the winner.

Hartman also placed in the top ten in the shot put, throwing 13.87 meters.

Wells was impressed with Hartman's performance on the weekend as she also competed in the discus throw and placed among the top fifteen.

"Hartman had a very solid

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BEN LOHMAN | THE BG NEWS

ONE OF THREE: Brittiani McNeal was one of three Falcons to set personal bests.

Schneider paces Falcons to 10th place finish

By Bill Bordewick
 Reporter

Despite an outstanding performance from Matt Schneider, the BG men's golf team finished in a disappointing 10th place at this past weekend's UK Bluegrass Invitational.

The 10th place was equally disappointing because for the first time this spring, the team got off to a great start.

The Falcons collectively fired a 300 in round one — good for fifth place out of 17 teams and trailing tournament-leader Miami at the time by four strokes.

"We played very well in the first round," said BG coach Garry



Matt Schneider
 Finished the UK tournament in third place



Parker Hewit
 Was second on the team in a tie for 37th place

Winger. "We had ourselves in an absolutely fantastic position."

The Falcons fizzled in rounds two and three with scores of 307 and 316 respectively. This performance bucked the trend for BG where they would collectively get better as the tournament went on.

Winger lamented at the fact the Falcons were right there until it went array on the back nine of

the final round. "The last six holes we played terrible," he said. "Probably gave away 15 shots right there."

The University of Kentucky dominated the competition by posting a collective score of 16 over par 880 for the three round tournament. The next closest

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enth inning, BG scored two more runs. Again, Galvin and Blanton reached on consecutive singles. Shay reached on a swinging bunt, driving in Galvin and then Tyler Elkins singled up the middle to score Blanton.

Falcon's pitcher Dusty Hawk came in to start the ninth inning, and eventually earned his first save of the season.

But it was no small feat.

The first two batters he faced reached on singles. After a sacrifice hit moved the runners up one base, a sacrifice fly was hit by Ian Neilson, making the score 3-2. Hawk then retired the final batter on a fly-out to left field.

Saturday (game two): BG 7, BSU 6

The Falcons came from behind in the second game of a doubleheader to post a 7-6 victory.

BG scored a run in the bot-

tom of the eighth inning to take a 6-5 lead, but a BSU home run in the top of the ninth tied the game at six apiece.

The Falcons loaded the bases in the bottom of the ninth, and then Shay came to the plate and hit a walk-off single to right field, bringing in Ryan Price from third base.

"Ryan (Shay) strives on pressure situations," Schmitz said. "We knew he is a clutch hitter and he found a pitch he liked and drove it into right field."

BSU scored in two of the first three innings and the Falcons scored in all three of the opening innings, but BSU had a 5-4 lead after three.

The Falcons took their first lead of the game in the eighth inning when Blanton lead off with a single. He then came into score when Elkins hit a two-out triple to left center.

Pitcher Charles Wooten got the win for the Falcons while Morgan Coombs took the loss.

Sunday: BG 9, BSU 7

For the second game in a row,

"Anytime someone gets to hit a walk-off home run is feeling. It was a great feeling to watch the players celebrate [with Berti] at home plate."

Danny Schmitz | Coach



Jon Berti
Hit a game winning home run in Sunday's game



Charles Wooten
Picked up two wins from the mound

BG won the game on a walk-off hit.

Berti hit a three-run home run in the bottom of the 10th inning, allowing the Falcons to come from behind and post a 9-7 victory.

"Anytime someone gets to hit a walk-off home run is feeling," Schmitz said. "It was a great feeling to watch the players celebrate [with Berti] at home plate."

The Falcons scored five runs

in the fourth inning, but a ninth inning rally by BSU set up the extra inning ballgame.

In the contest, Blanton had three hits for BG and Berti drive in a career-high four runs. Again, Wooten picked up the win for the Falcons.

The Falcons (15-15, 5-5 MAC) have won seven of their last nine games and will return to the diamond this week with a game at Oakland University tomorrow.

TENNIS

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keeping focused on the next match after a loss.

"We hate to lose but get over it quickly," Dean said. "Once you start hitting tennis balls again the bad memory goes away."

According to Kelsey Jakupcin, there are several things the team will be working on this week in preparation of their last regular season matches.

"We will be working more

on our doubles so we can win the doubles point and start out ahead," Jakupcin said. "[We'll] also keep up our quickness and mental toughness as usual."

The Falcons will return home for their last two matches of the regular season this weekend. They will face Ball State Friday and Miami Saturday.

The team looks forward to seeing Falcon supporters at Senior Day Saturday and both matches are scheduled for 1 p.m. at Keefe Courts, weather permitting.

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weekend in all three events, and to finish second in the hammer in this type of meet is an accomplishment," Wells said.

Sophomore Brittani McNeal set a personal record with a long jump of 5.7 meters and senior Kara Butler in the 5K with a time of 17:28.24.

Wells mentioned, in addition to Hartman, other athletes put themselves in a position to meet a regional qualifying mark within the coming weeks.

McNeal's long jump fell just 0.3 meters from regional qualifying, and Butler's 5K was 36 seconds off of qualifying pace.

"Brittani has been consistent

all year in the long jump and this was another big step," Wells said. "Butler took four seconds off her previous best 5K time."

Other highlights included senior Jamie Roflow's 3K steeplechase time of 10:57.80, five seconds shy of regional qualifying speed. Roflow had missed all of last outdoor season due to injury. This was her first steeplechase in almost two years.

Senior TaKarra Dunning's shot put throw of 14.73 meters was good for eighth in the premiere shot put event.

Next, the Falcons will compete in Oxford this weekend at the All-Ohio Championship.

"We are really looking forward to having the whole team back out competing against the best in Ohio," Wells said.

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team was Western Carolina with a score of 890.

As mentioned, junior captain Matt Schneider did everything he could to keep the Falcons in contention by firing scores of 71 and 72 in the first two rounds but fell off in the third round with a 76.

Schneider's one under par performance through two rounds gave him the overall lead, but his final round score knocked him down to a very respectable third place finish for the tournament, carding a three over par 219.

Unfortunately for the Falcons, the next highest finish was freshmen Parker Hewitt — who fin-

ished in a tie for 37th place with a score of 14 over par 230.

"Matt had a great tournament, but he had no help," Winger said.

Junior John Powers finished in 51st place by himself with a score of 19 over par 235. The Falcon scoring was rounded out by Drew Preston and Scott Blackburn who carded a 240 and 242 respectively.

Erik Barnes won the individual performance with a score of one under par 215 which included a final round 67 — something that caught Winger's eye.

"That final round 67 in those conditions by Erik Barnes was incredible," Winger said.

The Falcons will next be in action this weekend to compete in the Boilermaker Invitational.

SOFTBALL

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ond inning.

BG got on the board in their half of the second, when Haleigh Bielstein hit her first home run of the season. Before the Falcons could take the field in the top of the third, heavy rains put the game on hold for an hour and 10 minutes.

When play resumed, Ball State picked up right where they left off, scoring two more runs in the third to push their lead to 10-1.

BG would add another run in the fourth, but it was not enough, as they would fall 10-2. In the sweep, BG was outscored 17-3 and out-hit 22-6.

Saturday: Miami 1, BG 0

Game one could be described in two words: pitcher's duel. Wiener was superb in the circle, striking out six while allowing just one run on two hits in seven innings.

Unfortunately for BG, Miami's Jessica Simpson was just as good. In seven innings, Simpson surrendered five hits to compliment her 14 strike-outs.

The difference in the game was in the third, when three Falcon errors opened the door for the only run of the game. Despite the loss, the Falcons out-hit the RedHawks 5-2, with Wiener and Melissa West each recording two hits.

Sunday: Miami 7, BG 1

The series finale featured a rematch of game one starters, however, the outcome wasn't as close this time around.

The BG defense had another rough day, as a combined seven errors gave Miami a 7-0 lead through the first six innings. The only run for BG came off the bat of Susan Sontag, when she put her team on the board with a sixth inning solo shot to left center.

The home run was Sontag's second of the season and 11th



ETHAN MAGOC | THE BG NEWS

HAD A BAD DAY: There wasn't much for the Falcons to smile about as Ball State and Miami combined to sweep the softball team last weekend.

of her career, tying her for 10th all-time with former Falcon Colleen Bates.

Wiener went seven innings, allowing seven runs (one earned) on 10 hits. She got the loss, as her record in the circle fell to 5-17.

The Falcons are now 7-22 overall and 2-8 in the MAC. BG will look to get back in the win column today in East Lansing, as they take on Big Ten foe Michigan State at 4 p.m.

Salsburg was not available to comment on the games.

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Ohio highway projects create jobs

Matt Leingang
The Associated Press

COLUMBUS — Ohio wants to spend \$57 million in federal stimulus money on highway projects that won't begin for years, an unusual strategy for money that President Barack Obama said should be used to give the economy an immediate job-creating jolt.

Democratic Gov. Ted Strickland and the state's transportation officials passed over some ready-to-go construction projects and steered about 7 percent of their \$774 million share for planning and preliminary studies.

That infuriated some local leaders who hoped the money would build even more new bridges or resurface roads in the cash-strapped state, where

unemployment recently hit a 25-year high of 9.4 percent.

"I could have dug the darn thing myself, that's how shovel-ready we were," said Fostoria Mayor John Davoli, who sought \$10 million to build bridges over two railroad crossings and was denied.

The Federal Highway Administration has no other examples of states using stimulus money for planning, although some states haven't completed their project lists and the agency hasn't approved Ohio's request, spokeswoman Nancy Singer said. The agency has to review the projects to ensure that they are eligible.

While the overall approach to Obama's \$787 billion stimulus package is to get money to projects that can be started right away, planning is a legitimate

use of economic stimulus money, said Jill Zuckman, spokeswoman at the U.S. Department of Transportation.

Strickland said studies of long-term projects, as well as some types of preliminary work, position the state for future economic growth.

That includes a two-year study of a highway and rail project on the east side of Cincinnati and the design of a 3-mile road connecting Interstate 490 to Cleveland's art and museum district. The cost is \$20 million apiece.

"We're putting planners and engineers to work, too, so I think it does fit the spirit of the stimulus package to develop projects today that have opportunities for tomorrow," said Scott Varner, spokesman for the Ohio Department of Transportation.

Project Plans

Ohio's highway projects still in the planning stages that would use federal stimulus money:

- \$20 million for a preliminary engineering study of a rail system and new roads on the east side of Cincinnati.
- \$20 million for the design of a three-mile road connecting Interstate 490 to Cleveland's art and museum district.
- \$10 million for the Ohio Department of Transportation to spend on various design work for projects statewide.
- \$7 million for engineering and design work on the Ohio Hub, a plan for high-speed rail.



MATHEW SUMNER / AP PHOTO

GREEN JOBS: Duane Robinson installs wires during a class on solar panel installation at San Jose City College in San Jose, Calif.

Unemployed workers go back to school for training in green jobs

Terence Chea
The Associated Press

SAN JOSE, Calif. — As the economy sheds jobs, community colleges across the country are reporting a surge of unemployed workers enrolling in courses that offer training for "green-collar" jobs.

Students are learning how to install solar panels, repair wind turbines, produce biofuels and do other work related to renewable energy.

"I think the opportunities in this field are going to be huge," said Rudy Gastelo, a part-time handyman who left the construction industry two years ago. "I'm not getting that 9-to-5 paycheck, so I'm looking forward to maybe getting a job within a solar company."

To meet growing demand, two-year colleges are launching or expanding green job training with money from the federal stimulus package.

Students and schools are betting that President Barack Obama's campaign to promote alternative energy and curb global warming will create millions of well-paying green jobs that do not require a four-year degree.

Gastelo, 32, is learning how to install solar power systems at San Jose City College, which has long waiting lists for such classes.

But the steep economic downturn has not spared the green energy industry, which had been expanding rapidly before the financial crisis. Many renewable-power firms are now canceling projects, laying off workers or selling themselves to competitors because business has dried up.

"It's going to be a very tough year. A lot of companies are

not going to make it," said Ron Pernick, co-founder of the market research firm Clean Edge Inc.

Many newly trained workers are having trouble finding jobs, and some people worry that schools could end up producing too many workers for too few jobs.

"Even in these areas with great potential, the number of actual positions is way down from where they could be," said Barry Sedlick, who chairs the California Green Collar Jobs Council.

But many college officials believe there will be strong demand for green-collar workers once the economy rebounds and governments move to limit greenhouse gas emissions and require more alternative energy.

The federal stimulus package sets aside tens of billions of dollars to promote renewable energy and energy efficiency. It will also create thousands of jobs retrofitting government buildings and public housing to make them more energy-efficient.

"The recovery package will help move industry forward and offer a lot of opportunities for workers at all levels," said Mindy Feldbaum, director of workforce development programs at the National Institute for Work and Learning.

The renewable energy industry generated about 500,000 jobs and \$43 billion revenue in the U.S. in 2007. The much broader energy-efficiency industry generated 8.6 million jobs and \$1 trillion in revenue, according to a report issued in January by the American Solar Energy Society.

The study projected that the two sectors could employ 16 million to 37 million people by 2030, depending on government policy.

Obama lifts restrictions on travel for Cuban-Americans

Robert Burns
The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — In a measured break with a half-century of U.S. policy toward communist Cuba, the Obama administration lifted restrictions yesterday on Cuban-Americans who want to travel and send money to their island homeland.

In a further gesture of openness, U.S. telecommunications firms were freed to seek business there, too. But the broader U.S. trade embargo remained in place.

The White House portrayed its changes, which fulfilled one of President Barack Obama's campaign promises, as a path to promoting personal freedom in one of the few remaining communist nations. They also marked another major step away from the foreign policy priorities of the Bush administration.

But the moves fell far short of the more drastic policy adjustments that some — including Republican Sen. Richard Lugar — have argued are required to promote U.S. interests in Latin America and to bring about change in Cuba. For most Americans, Cuba remains the only country in the world their government prohibits them from visiting — a barrier to potential travelers as well as to the Cuban tourist industry that would like to see them.

Cubans welcomed the changes but said more should be done.

"It's help that the people really need," Fermina Gonzalez, a 46-year-old housewife in the leafy Havana neighborhood of Vedado, said of the ending of limits on money sent by Cuban-Americans. "Right now, we have to work lots of jobs just to make ends meet."



JAVIER GALEANO / AP PHOTO

CHANGES IN CUBA: A man sits in an old car as he waits for tourists in Havana, yesterday. President Barack Obama is allowing Americans to make unlimited trips and money transfers to family members in Cuba to usher in a new era of U.S. openness toward the island nation.

But few Cubans expect Obama to end the trade embargo or allow American tourists to visit the island without limits.

"He should do more and lift travel restrictions for all Americans," said Alberto Sal, a 68-year-old retiree. "Until he does that, I don't think he's doing much."

Lifting or substantially easing the economic embargo, as set forth in the Cuban Assets Control Regulations and administered by the Treasury Department, would require legislative action by Congress. The White House made no mention of any intention to seek such changes; Obama said as a presidential candidate that the embargo was a form of leverage to press for democratic reforms in Cuba.

Julia Sweig, director of Latin studies at the Council on Foreign Relations, described Obama's changes as "teensy, weensy" and said they appear to be driven more by domestic political calculations than by foreign policy considerations.

"This is a cautious first step by a president whose political advisers are looking at the Florida electoral vote," she said in a telephone interview, "and who are not looking at this as a matter of foreign policy. That's the big problem with Cuba policy. We have a policy toward Miami and not toward Havana."

Sweig added, however, that Obama's decision to authorize more telecommunications links with Cuba was a "potentially significant opening," particularly if the Cuban government follows through and allows those connections.

Jose Miguel Vivanco of Human Rights Watch welcomed the Cuba announcement but said more should be done.

"If President Obama is serious about promoting change in Cuba, this executive order must be part of a larger shift away from the U.S.'s unilateral approach toward the Cuban government," Vivanco said.

Taking the other side, three Democratic lawmakers wrote in a letter to Obama yesterday that his decisions would have "devastating consequences."

They said the Cuban government takes 30 cents of every dollar in U.S. remittances that enters the country as a usury fee.

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RALLYING: Crew members of the Maersk Alabama are seen during a press briefing at the Mombasa port, Kenya, yesterday. In a daring high-seas rescue, U.S. Navy snipers killed three Somali pirates and freed the American sea captain being held at gunpoint.



ADAM DUBACK | AP PHOTO

PRAYING: A show of support along the roadside in Underhill, Vt., for Richard Phillips, 55, the captain of the U.S.-flagged cargo ship Maersk Alabama, is seen Sunday.

Daring rescue not unusual for SEALs

Calvin Woodward
The Associated Press

Ordered to shoot to kill, snipers on the swaying stern of the U.S. destroyer had one improbable chance to get it right.

Anything less than direct hits killing three pirates with three bullets would have placed the American hostage, merchant Capt. Richard Phillips, in mortal danger, if not sealed his fate.

Navy SEALs are trained for an improbable variety of tasks — to dive deep, fight in the desert, parachute into the ocean, conduct urban warfare, operate in bitter cold, crawl through the jungle. They're trained to wait, too.

This night, they had to find their moment, shrug off the pressure and shoot straight.

"It was a day at the office for the SEALs, much like it's a day at the office for a heart surgeon or a concert violinist," said Dick Couch, a Vietnam-era SEAL and author of "The Warrior Elite," an inside look at the commandos' rigorous training program.

The scene was set as darkness fell Sunday evening off the African coast: The last three pirates, holding Phillips in an enclosed powerless lifeboat, appeared to be running out of patience with their predicament.

Bobbing for days after their brazen attempt to seize Phillips' ship failed, their mood was "going up and down" like the ocean swells, according to U.S. accounts of the negotiations.

They were described as increasingly agitated, and it's easy to see why. Life aboard the lifeboat was plainly miserable. It's a sweltering, elongated fiberglass bubble with no setup for sleeping or going to the bathroom on board.

A fourth pirate had surrendered, boarding the destroyer for treatment of a wound to his hand.

The remaining three pirates and the U.S. Navy, like barroom brawlers agreeing to take it outside, had decided to move their standoff to calmer waters.

As night fell, the Bainbridge had the lifeboat under tow when two developments told the Navy the pirates might be getting desperate. U.S. officials said in their reconstruction of events.

First, a tracer bullet arced from the lifeboat toward the Bainbridge.

Then, through one of the few openings on the lifeboat, Phillips could be seen with a gun pointed at him, almost touching him.

"It was a day at the office for the SEALs, much like it's a day for a heart surgeon."

Dick Couch | Author

The risk seemed obvious, but what about opportunity? Clean lines of fire that would leave the pirates' captive safe were hard to come by when taking aim at the bubble.

Three Navy SEALs aboard the Bainbridge waited quietly in the darkness.

The Navy, a force of more than 330,000, has just 2,000 SEALs, highly trained as stealthy rescuers — and killers. They are called SEALs because they can fight by sea, air and land.

SEAL snipers are counted on for precision fire from concealed positions. They practice stalking, helicopter insertion, intelligence gathering and more.

Their training manual instructs them on camouflage, navigation, evading dogs and a skill of special value when taking aim from a large ship at a small boat riding the waves: "Correcting for Environmental Factors."

Officials declined to discuss the equipment used by the SEALs on the destroyer.

But U.S. Special Operations Command in Tampa, Fla., has purchased several thousand small, battery-operated night sights that magnify available moonlight and starlight to illuminate targets. The sights weigh a few pounds and clip onto rifles.

"From 1,000 meters, you can tell if someone is raising their left or right hand," said C. Reed Knight Jr., president of Knight's Armament in Titusville, Fla., one of the few companies that sells sights to the command.

The SEALs in the Gulf of Aden standoff had parachuted into the ocean to join the destroyer.

Now, Sunday night, they were 25 or so yards from their targets, waiting.

Their mission, fraught with risk for the hostage, was one that SEAL snipers are trained to do, Couch said.

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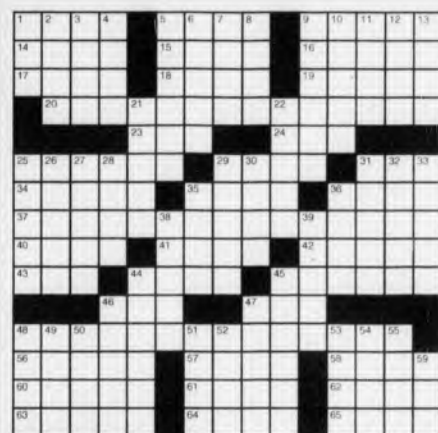
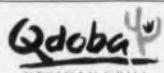
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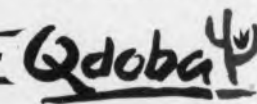
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**KAMIEN POMORSKI
POLAND**

Survivors of a fire that killed 21 people at a three-story shelter for homeless families in Poland yesterday described a fast-moving inferno that forced some to jump from windows into trees.



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**ISLAMABAD
PAKISTAN**

Pakistan's pro-U.S. president signed a regulation late yesterday to put a northwestern district under Islamic law as part of a peace deal with the Taliban, going along after coming under intense pressure from members of his own party and other lawmakers.

**FOSSA
ITALY**

Holocaust survivors and Italian Jews are rushing to aid earthquake-stricken towns that sheltered them during World War II. A delegation of elderly survivors and their families are roaming the quake zone, looking for one-time saviors now living in tent camps, to offer everything from shoes to summer camps. "I wouldn't be here if it weren't for these people," says Alberto Di Consiglio. "We have to help them."

**BANGKOK
THAILAND**

Anti-government demonstrators vowing a "final stand" unless the government resigns fought bloody street battles with troops yesterday, then clashed with residents angry about the disruptions, killing two people.



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**MOMBASA
KENYA**

President Barack Obama promises to work with other nations "to halt the rise of piracy," while Somali pirates vow revenge for the deaths of three gunmen killed by Navy SEALs during the dramatic high-seas rescue of an American sea captain. Meanwhile, the Maersk Alabama seamen celebrate their skipper's freedom.



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